IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving a backoff-mode attribute, wherein said backoff-mode attribute specifies a backoff mode that provides information on when at least one receiver that did not correctly receive common data sent from a sender to a plurality of receivers in a transmission session can start a request for a repair session, in which repair session at least parts of said common data are transmitted from a repair server to said at least one receiver requesting said repair session, and

starting a request for said repair session according to said backoff mode specified by said backoff-mode attribute.

~~communicating at least one session parameter, which is related to a transmission of common data from one sender to a plurality of receivers within a transmission session, to said plurality of receivers via an attribute of the Session Description Protocol,~~

~~wherein said attribute of the Session Description Protocol is a Forward Error Correction attribute that specifies at least a Forward Error Correction encoding scheme that is used for said transmission of said common data within said transmission session.~~

2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said backoff-mode attribute~~at least one session parameter~~ is communicated ~~to said plurality of receivers~~ before or during the establishment of said transmission session.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said common data is transmitted from said sender to said plurality of receivers at least partially over an Internet Protocol based network.

5. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said common data is transmitted from said sender to said plurality of receivers in a broadcast or multicast operation.

6. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said common data is streaming data or non-streaming data.

7. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said common data is real-time data or non-real-time data.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said common data is transmitted from said sender to said plurality of receivers at least partially over a wireless network.

9. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 8, wherein said wireless network is a mobile network that at least partially implements the Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service as defined by the Third Generation Partnership Project.

10.-36. (Cancelled)

37. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said transmission of said common data from said sender to said plurality of receivers is at least partially controlled by the File Delivery Over Unidirectional Transport protocol.

38.-42. (Cancelled)

43. (Previously Presented) A computer readable storage medium comprising a computer program with instructions operable to cause a processor to perform the method ~~steps~~ of claim 1.

44. (Cancelled)

45. (Currently Amended) ~~A sender~~An apparatus configured to communicate, from a sender, a backoff-mode attribute to a plurality of receivers, wherein said backoff-mode attribute specifies a backoff mode that provides information on when at least one receiver that did not correctly receive common data sent from said sender to said plurality of receivers in a transmission session can start a request for a repair session, in which repair session at least parts of said common data are transmitted from a repair server to said at least one receiver requesting said repair session.

~~at least one session parameter, which is related to a transmission of common data from said sender to a plurality of receivers within a transmission session, to said plurality of receivers via an attribute of the Session Description Protocol,~~

~~wherein said attribute of the Session Description Protocol is a Forward Error Correction attribute that specifies at least a Forward Error Correction encoding scheme that is used for said transmission of said common data within said transmission session.~~

46. (Currently Amended) ~~A receiver~~An apparatus configured to receive a backoff-mode attribute, wherein said backoff-mode attribute specifies a backoff mode that provides information on when at least one receiver that did not correctly receive common data sent from a sender to a plurality of receivers in a transmission session can start a request for a repair session, in which repair session at least parts of said common data are transmitted from a repair server to said at least one receiver requesting said repair session, and wherein said receiver is further configured to starts a request for said repair session according to said backoff mode specified by said backoff-mode attribute.

~~at least one session parameter, which is related to a transmission of common data from one sender to a plurality of receivers within a transmission session, and which is communicated to said plurality of receivers via an attribute of the Session Description Protocol,~~

~~wherein said attribute of the SDP~~ Session Description Protocol ~~is a Forward Error Correction attribute that specifies at least a Forward Error Correction encoding scheme that is used for said transmission of said common data within said transmission session.~~

47. (Cancelled)

48. (Cancelled)

49. (Cancelled)

50. (Cancelled)

51. (Currently Amended) The apparatus~~sender~~ according to claim 45, wherein said common data is transmitted from said sender to said plurality of receivers at least partially over a wireless network, and wherein said wireless network is a mobile network that at least partially

implements the Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service as defined by the Third Generation Partnership Project.

52. (Cancelled)

53. (Currently Amended) The apparatus~~sender~~ according to claim 45, wherein said transmission of said common data from said sender to said plurality of receivers is at least partially controlled by the File Delivery Over Unidirectional Transport protocol.

54. (Currently Amended) The apparatus~~receiver~~ according to claim 46, wherein said common data is transmitted from said sender to said plurality of receivers at least partially over a wireless network, and wherein said wireless network is a mobile network that at least partially implements the Multimedia Broadcast/Multicast Service as defined by the Third Generation Partnership Project.

55. (Cancelled)

56. (Currently Amended) The apparatus~~receiver~~ according to claim 46, wherein said transmission of said common data from said sender to said plurality of receivers is at least partially controlled by the File Delivery Over Unidirectional Transport protocol.

57. (New) The apparatus according to claim 46, wherein said backoff-mode attribute is communicated before or during the establishment of said transmission session.

58. (New) The apparatus according to claim 46, wherein said common data is transmitted from said sender to said plurality of receivers at least partially over an Internet Protocol based network.

59. (New) The apparatus according to claim 46, wherein said common data is transmitted from said sender to said plurality of receivers in a broadcast or multicast operation.

60. (New) The apparatus according to claim 46, wherein said common data is streaming data or non-streaming data.

61. (New) The apparatus according to claim 46, wherein said common data is real-time data or non-real-time data.

62. (New) The apparatus according to claim 46, wherein said common data is transmitted from said sender to said plurality of receivers at least partially over a wireless network.

63. (New) The apparatus according to claim 46, wherein said information provided by said backoff mode defines an interval in which said at least one receiver starts said request for said repair session randomized with uniform distribution.

64. (New) A method, comprising:

communicating a backoff-mode attribute to a plurality of receivers, wherein said backoff-mode attribute specifies a backoff mode that provides information on when at least one receiver that did not correctly receive common data sent from a sender to said plurality of receivers in a transmission session can start a request for a repair session, in which repair session at least parts of said common data are transmitted from a repair server to said at least one receiver requesting said repair session.

65. (New) The method according to claim 64, wherein said information provided by said backoff mode defines an interval in which said at least one receiver starts said request for said repair session randomized with uniform distribution.

66. (New) A computer readable storage medium comprising a computer program with instructions operable to cause a processor to perform the method of claim 64.

67. (New) The method according to claim 1, wherein said information provided by said backoff mode defines an interval in which said at least one receiver starts said request for said repair session randomized with uniform distribution.

68. (New) The apparatus according to claim 45, wherein said information provided by said backoff mode defines an interval in which said at least one receiver starts said request for said repair session randomized with uniform distribution.

69. (New) An apparatus, comprising:

means for receiving a backoff-mode attribute, wherein said backoff-mode attribute specifies a backoff mode that provides information on when at least one receiver that did not correctly receive common data sent from a sender to a plurality of receivers in a transmission session can start a request for a repair session, in which repair session at least parts of said common data are transmitted from a repair server to said at least one receiver requesting said repair session, and

means for starting a request for said repair session according to said backoff mode specified by said backoff-mode attribute.

70. (New) An apparatus, comprising:

means for communicating, from a sender, a backoff-mode attribute to a plurality of receivers, wherein said backoff-mode attribute specifies a backoff mode that provides information on when at least one receiver that did not correctly receive common data sent from said sender to said plurality of receivers in a transmission session can start a request for a repair session, in which repair session at least parts of said common data are transmitted from a repair server to said at least one receiver requesting said repair session.